

PESSOÌ VECCHI E NUOVI DA HAGHIA TRIADA

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ABSTRACT

This article deals with the LM I lithic *pessoi* from the old excavations at AyiaTriada, which are characterised by the presence of signs incised on one face, and publishes two new examples retrieved from this site during the new excavations. The incised signs, which are always different from one other, are discussed, as well as the material and its provenance (Spartan or Cretan). Several observations allow the author to reject the traditional interpretation of the *pessoi* as gaming pieces in favour of a possible use as «tarot cards» used to divine the future: a sort of cartomancy *avantlettre*.